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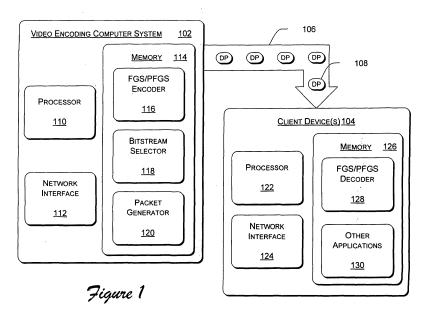
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#### (54) Packetization of FGS/PFGS video bitstreams

(57) A video encoding system performs packetization of FGS/PFGS encoded video bitstreams by selecting encoded bitstream segments for packetization based on an estimated total contribution to distortion reduction as-

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